

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-67, 69-80, and 82-86 are pending in the application. Claims 1-20, 22-24, 26-39, 41, 43, 44, 46-59, 62-67, 69-80, and 82-86 stand rejected. Claims 21, 25, 40, 42, 45, 60, and 61 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants note that claim 68 was canceled along with claim 81 in an Amendment filed on October 24, 2005. Reference to claim 68 as pending is made on the Office Action Summary page of the present Office Action. Applicants also note that the Response to Amendment section on page 2 of the present Office Action lists claim 68 as pending. Applicants respectfully request future communications be corrected, accordingly.

Claims 1-10 are canceled in the Claim Listing above. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit rejection(s) of these claims is now moot.

Independent claim 11 is amended in the Claim Listing above to include all the limitations of objected to Claim 25. Claim 25 is being canceled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit claims 11-24 and 26-35, which depend from now amended claim 11, should now be in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 36 is amended in the Claim Listing above to include the limitations of objected to claim 40. Claim 40 is being canceled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit claims 37-39 and 41-50, which depend from now amended claim 36, should now be in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 51 is amended in the Claim Listing above to include the limitations of objected to claim 60 and intervening claim 59. Claims 59 and 60 are being canceled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit claims 51-58, 61-67, 69, and 70, which depend from now amended claim 51, should now be in condition for allowance.

Claims 70-80 and 82-86 are canceled in the Claim Listing above. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that rejection(s) with regard to these claims are now moot.

New claim 87 includes the limitations of claim 11 as originally filed and objected to claim 21 as originally filed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit new claim 87 should be in condition for allowance.

New claim 88 includes the limitations of independent claim 36 as originally filed and objected to claims 41 and 42 as originally filed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit new claim 88 should be in condition for allowance.

With regard to the claims being amended or canceled in the claim listing above, Applicants are amending or canceling these claims for purposes of expediting prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to refile these claims as pending prior to entry of this amendment, or as originally filed, in a continuing application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims that will remain pending after entry of this amendment, claims 11-24, 26-39, 41-58, 61-67, 69, 70, 87, and 88, are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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